

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 04/01/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06/15/2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the previous art of record teaches of a portable telephone for executing plurality functions selected from hierarchically structured menus, the telephone comprising: plurality of execution keys for instructing execution of respective functions from the plurality of functions, wherein the number of the plurality of functions is greater than the number of the plurality of execution keys; function assigning means for assigning selected ones of the plurality functions desired to selected ones of the plurality of execution keys; display means for displaying information; five-direction jog dial movement in any of five directions, so as perform input operations relative the information displayed on the display means; and control means for causing the function assigned to the execution key to be executed in response a pressing of one of the plurality of execution keys or a movement the five-direction jog dial, wherein the plurality of execution keys is provided near the display means; and the display means is controlled by the control means to display a waiting screen showing a plurality of short-cut icons equal in number to the selected one of the plurality of execution keys and representing the respective functions assigned to the selected ones of the plurality of execution keys by the control means.

Although the previous art of record teaches of labels next to corresponding function keys, it does not teach where each short-cut icon is shown on the waiting screen adjacent to a corresponding one of the plurality of execution keys.

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Claim 3 depends upon claim 1; therefore, the examiner gives the same reasons for allowance as stated above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angelica Perez whose telephone number is 571-272-7885. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571)272-7882. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

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